have been regularized with effect from the date of his initial appointment. The matter as to whether or not same benefits can be granted to other similarly placed officers is being examined in consultation with Department of Personnel and Training.

Health mobile vans for poor people

1514. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set-up health mobile vans for poor people living in Jhuggis-Jhonpries in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) The Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that they are already providing 64 mobile health vans for poor people residing in 430 large Jhuggi-Jhonpri clusters. The efforts are underway to augment the system further.

Increase in death rate of children

†1515. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards continuous increase in the death rate among children;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken, so far, by Government to save these children from untimely death?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.